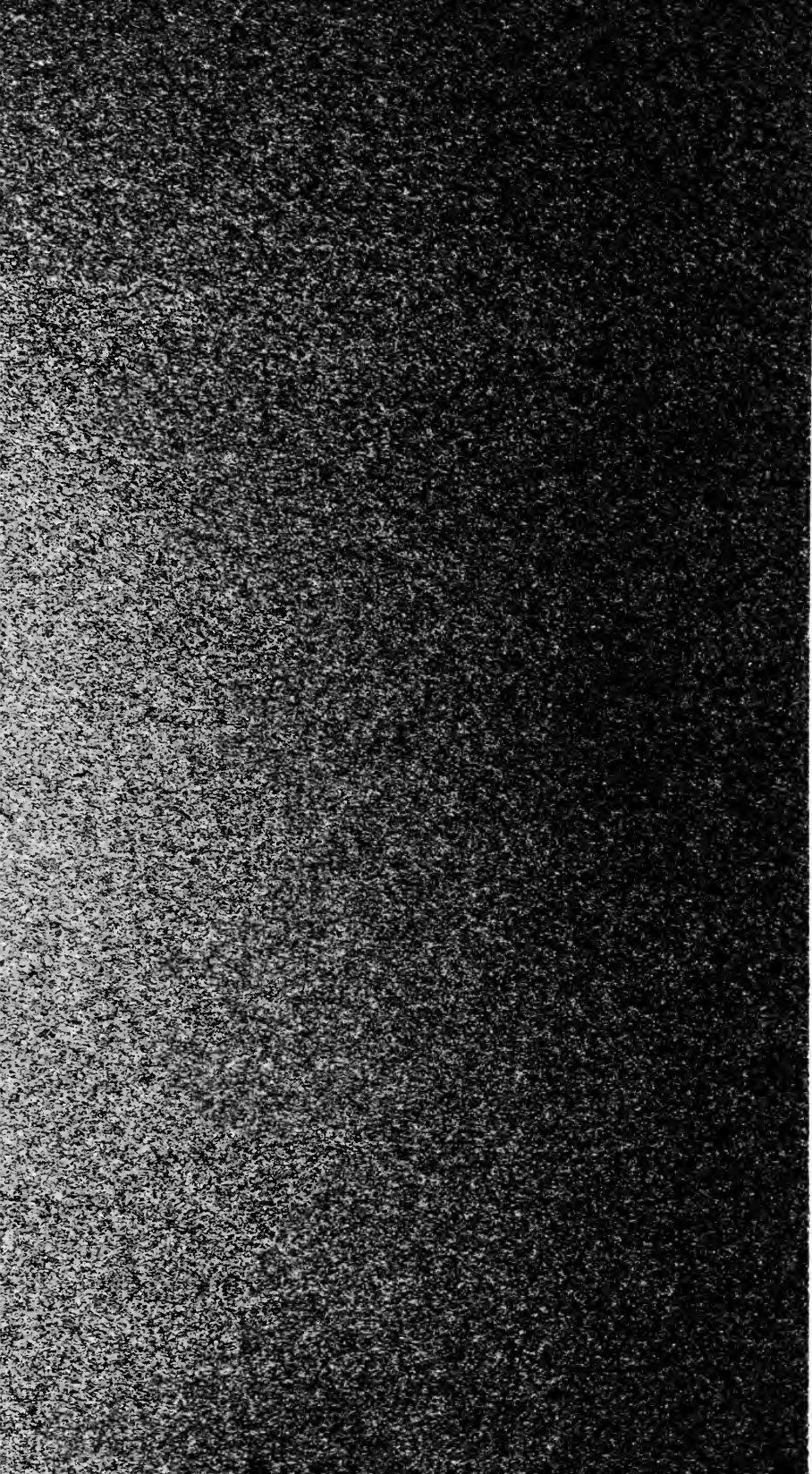


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*Printing and Publications*—Paxson (chairman), Campbell, Lacher, Whyte, and Superintendent (ex officio).

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*Membership*—Lacher (chairman), Dudgeon, Strange, and the Superintendent.

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Sundays, holidays, and evenings: as per special announcement.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

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## BUSINESS SESSION

The sixty-seventh annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin was held in the Society Staff Room, Thursday, October 23, 1919, beginning at two o'clock P. M., the meeting being called to order by President Coffin.

Present: Rasmus B. Anderson; William J. Anderson; E. M. Bailey; E. A. Barnes; A. O. Barton; C. E. Buell; Henry C. Campbell; Chr. A. Christiansen; Victor Coffin; William K. Coffin; H. E. Cole; C. R. Fish; A. S. Flint; L. S. Hanks; H. R. Holand; David G. James; Burr W. Jones; P. B. Knox; Edward Kremers; G. A. Kuechenmeister; J. H. A. Lacher; P. V. Lawson; C. B. Lester; John Luchsinger; J. G. D. Mack; H. A. Miner; W. A. P. Morris; A. C. Neville; F. W. Oakley; B. L. Parker; J. B. Parkinson; F. L. Paxson; M. M. Quaife; A. H. Sanford; W. A. Scott; R. G. Siebecker; W. M. Smith; H. S. Stafford; E. B. Steensland; E. Ray Stevens; John Strange; Edwin Sumner; Mrs. Homer Sylvester; C. H. Vilas; William F. Whyte; Mrs. Nettie Wright—46.

No objections being raised, the reading of the minutes of the annual meeting of 1918 were dispensed with, as these have already been printed and sent out to members.

## OFFICIAL REPORTS

The President called for the reports of officers. Superintendent Quaife presented an oral report on behalf of the Executive Committee. On motion of Father Knox, seconded and unanimously carried, the report was approved and ordered placed on file (see *post* 26 for text).

Mr. Morris presented the report of the Finance Committee for the year ending June 30, 1919. It was moved by Judge Luchsinger, seconded and unanimously carried, that the report be accepted and placed on file (see *post* 27 for text).

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Mr. Quaife stated that reports had been received from the following auxiliary societies: Beloit; Green Bay; Lafayette County; Manitowoc County; Milwaukee Old Settlers' Club; Ripon; Superior; Trempealeau County; Waukesha County. Only two societies (Sauk County and Walworth County) had failed to report. Mr. Quaife asked that the Society accept the reports and move that they be printed, together with the reports of the societies which have not as yet been received. Father Knox moved that the reports be received and placed on file and printed with those which may come in later. Seconded and unanimously carried.

### ELECTION OF CURATORS

Father Knox presented the following slate of twelve nominees for the term expiring with the annual meeting in 1922, and one nominee for the unexpired term created by the death of Frederic K. Conover, and moved their election by the Society. Seconded by Prof. Anderson. Hans A. Anderson, Matthew S. Dudgeon, Carl Russell Fish, Howard Greene, John L. Grindell, William A. P. Morris, Samuel H. Pedrick, Albert H. Sanford, Robert G. Siebecker, John M. Whitehead, William F. Whyte, John B. Winslow. For the unexpired term ending with the annual meeting of 1920, created by the death of Frederic K. Conover: Henry E. Knapp, Menomonie.

Mr. Lawson presented the following list of nominees for the Board of Curators and moved that a committee consisting of Judge Stevens, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Strange be appointed to consider the nominations. Seconded by Mr. Neville. William L. Davis, Matthew S. Dudgeon, Hjalmar R. Holand, Henry A. Miner, William A. P. Morris, Samuel M. Pedrick, Winfred T. Root, Albert H. Schubert, John Schuette, Robert G. Siebecker, Haylor L. Skavlem, John L. Sturtevant, George A. West. For the unexpired term ending with the annual meeting of 1920, created by the death of Frederic K. Conover: O. D. Brandenburg.



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On call of the President for other nominees, Professor Mack nominated Major David Atwood of Janesville. Professor Paxson moved that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to consider the list of nominees presented. Mr. Lawson's motion was ruled out of order, and Professor Paxson's motion, on vote, was adopted. President Coffin appointed H. E. Cole, C. B. Lester, and B. L. Parker as members of the nominating committee. Judge Stevens stated that the Advisory Committee had devoted much thought to the problem of nominating curators and moved the members of this committee should explain to the nominating committee their reasons for nominating each person on the list submitted by them. Professor Anderson moved an amendment to the motion to the effect that the members of the Advisory Committee meet with the nominating committee. Mr. Lawson and Mr. Strange objected to this procedure, and the President asked the nominating committee to retire and draw up a slate of candidates from the lists presented.

### DEATH OF MR. CONOVER

While awaiting the report of the nominating committee Judge Siebecker addressed the meeting, stating that he wished formally to call attention to the death of Frederic K. Conover, one of the oldest members and curators of the Society. Judge Siebecker offered as a tribute to Mr. Conover the following resolution, which he moved be made a record of the meeting.

Since the last meeting of the State Historical Society there has passed from our midst Frederic K. Conover, who for many years had been a member of this Society and for more than a quarter of a century one of its most prominent curators. To his industry and good judgment we owe in large part our present constitution and by-laws. His interest in the Society never abated and was frequently manifested. Quiet in tastes and manner, he yet possessed the courage of his convictions to approve what was right and oppose what was wrong or injurious. To those of us who were intimate with him he was greatly beloved and few who have gone before or who shall hereafter follow him will be so greatly missed.

*Resolved*, unanimously that the Secretary is directed to enter upon the Society's records this brief memorial of our respect and affection for Frederic K. Conover and to transmit a copy thereof to the members of his family.

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Mr. Lawson stated that as an old schoolmate of Mr. Conover he desired to second the motion. Unanimously carried.

Mr. Christiansen stated that he has been in the habit of giving his copy of the publications of the Society to the local high school, and that the pupils take a remarkable interest in them. He thought some method should be devised whereby high schools throughout the state might be made members of the Society, in order that its publications might be made available to their pupils. Professor Paxson moved that inquiry be instituted with reference to the practicability of such distribution of the publications of the Society and that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee of the Society for action. Seconded by Mr. Christiansen and unanimously carried.

The report of the nominating committee being in order, Chairman Cole, before presenting the list of nominees, stated that the committee judged it wise in order to avoid controversy in the future that names of nominees be presented to some nominating committee for consideration in advance of the meeting. The recommendation of the nominating committee was then read, and Mr. Cole moved that it be accepted. The motion was carried, Mr. Lawson voting in the negative. Following are the curators elected: For the three-year term expiring with the annual meeting of 1922: Hans A. Anderson, Matthew S. Dudgeon, Carl Russell Fish, Howard Greene, John L. Grindell, William A. P. Morris, Samuel M. Pedrick, Albert H. Sanford, Robert G. Siebecker, John M. Whitehead, William F. Whyte, John B. Winslow; for the unexpired term ending with the annual meeting in 1920, created by the death of Frederic K. Conover: Henry E. Knapp.

Colonel William J. Anderson informed the Society that one of its curators, Mr. Henry C. Campbell, assistant editor of the *Milwaukee Journal*, had recently been created a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor by the French government. This honor was conferred on Mr. Campbell chiefly in recognition of his historical research covering the period of the French régime in the Northwest. The meeting expressed its

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appreciation of the signal honor accorded Mr. Campbell by hearty applause.

Judge Stevens moved, in response to the advice of the nominating committee, that the Executive Committee be directed to consider, and if in their judgment it seems feasible, to put into operation some plan whereby each member of the Society may nominate anyone whom he sees fit for curator; and that some committee be directed to consider all nominations and report its judgment as to who should be nominated at the annual meeting. Seconded. Mr. Lawson moved an amendment to Judge Stevens' motion to the effect that a committee be appointed by the Chair to devise a plan for an all-state representation on the Board of Curators. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Strange and, being put to vote, was lost. The original motion was then put and carried, Mr. Lawson voting in the negative.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Lawson stated that there are many historic spots around the state which would be deeded to the Society if it were known that the Society is interested in owning them; that these spots should be marked with tablets calling attention to the significance of the location; further, that the money needed for the purchase of such can easily be raised in the localities immediately concerned. He expressed the opinion that the Society should manifest an interest in marking historic sites in Wisconsin and should push action in the matter. Upon discussion Judge Stevens moved that a special committee of three be appointed by the Chair to consider the suggestions made by Mr. Lawson, to investigate ways and means, and to report thereon at the next meeting of the Society. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. The President appointed to membership on this committee P. V. Lawson, chairman, Messrs. Holand and Mack.

On motion of Mr. Strange the Society stood adjourned.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The annual meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by President Coffin immediately upon the close of the meeting of the Society.

Present: Messrs. Anderson, Campbell, Victor Coffin, William K. Coffin, Cole, Fish, Hanks, Knox, Lacher, Luchsinger, Mack, Morris, Parker, Parkinson, Paxson, Quaife, Sanford, Scott, Siebecker, Steensland, Stevens, and Strange—22.

It was moved and carried that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee be dispensed with.

### RESIGNATION OF MR. MORRIS

Mr. Quaife called attention to the fact that Mr. Morris, who had been chairman of the Finance Committee of the Society for thirteen years, had resigned, and in this connection read the following letter from Mr. Morris:

Madison, Wisconsin,  
October 16, 1919.

DR. M. M. QUAIFE,  
Superintendent State Historical Society,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

MY DEAR SIR:

Owing to my advanced years and my impaired hearing, I have felt for some time that some younger person should act as chairman of the Finance Committee and hence as member of the Advisory Committee.

I therefore now resign as member of the Finance Committee to take effect as of the 23rd inst., thus providing opportunity for selection of someone in my place at the coming meeting of the curators.

Very sincerely yours,

W. A. P. MORRIS.

With reference to this communication Judge Luchsinger moved that a statement by the Executive Committee formally recording its sense of the value of Mr. Morris' long service to the Society, given without pay freely and to the best of his ability, and of its appreciation of this service be spread upon

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the minutes of this meeting. Seconded and unanimously carried.

### REQUEST FOR DRAPER MANUSCRIPTS

Mr. Quaife made a statement to the committee concerning the request of John T. Moore of Nashville, Tennessee, with reference to the delivery to the state of Tennessee of certain papers from the Draper Collection of manuscripts owned by the Society. A full and detailed account of the matter had been presented to the curators individually by letter by the Superintendent in August, 1919. Upon discussion being had, it was moved by Professor Paxson that the Executive Committee direct the Superintendent to inform Mr. Moore that the committee stands ready to receive and examine any request made in writing for such specific papers as the spokesman for the state of Tennessee considers that commonwealth entitled to. Seconded by Mr. Lacher, and carried unanimously.

### HENRY P. HAMILTON BEQUEST

Mr. Quaife called attention to the bequest of Henry P. Hamilton to the Society, stating the conditions subject to which it had been made, and the action now necessary to be taken by the Society in compliance with these conditions. To this end he offered the following resolution, which on motion by Judge Luchsinger, duly seconded, was unanimously voted:

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry P. Hamilton, late of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, has bequeathed to the State Historical Society his large and valuable collection of native copper implements and other archeological specimens,

AND WHEREAS, this bequest to the State Historical Society is made subject to certain conditions as set forth in Item III of the will of Henry P. Hamilton, executed in Chicago, Illinois, on June 11, 1919, a copy of which will has been supplied to the State Historical Society by the legal representative of the estate, Item III of which is as follows:

#### ITEM III

I hereby give and bequeath to the State of Wisconsin my collection of prehistoric Indian implements and ornaments of copper and stone upon the following conditions:

1. The collection shall be under the supervision and control of the curators of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin; shall be installed in a suitable public

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building and in a convenient place therein for the public exhibition thereof; it shall be kept together as a unit and separate and apart from other collections of the same or a similar nature; and shall be guarded against theft or damage in the same manner as other property in charge of said Society is protected against such loss.

2. Neither the whole nor any part of said collection shall be sold or permanently removed from the state of Wisconsin and shall remain intact as a whole except that the original collection may be increased by the addition thereto of such specimens as in the judgment of said curators will serve to make the collection more complete.

3. The collection shall be placed and exhibited in suitable standard high-grade display cases of plate glass construction, with frames of wood or steel, and on each shall be placed a metal or other suitable and durable plate on which shall be engraved:

The Henry P. Hamilton Collection  
of Prehistoric Implements of  
Stone and Copper  
Donated \_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert year of donation)

4. Suitable copies of the original record books kept by said testator shall be provided and the same shall be available to visitors and students of archaeology, under proper rules and regulations of the said curators. So far as practicable the individual number of each specimen placed thereon shall be preserved and maintained and displayed face up.

5. Within one year after the delivery of said collection to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin the curators thereof shall cause to be prepared and delivered to the State Historical Society outline drawings of the principal relics in said collection and such drawings shall be carefully preserved in fire-proof vault or compartment and at least once each year all specimens of which drawings shall have been made shall be checked up with such drawings for the purpose of ascertaining that the collection is complete.

6. Upon the delivery of said collection to the State of Wisconsin, the State Historical Society of said state or the curators thereof shall give a receipt to the executors named in this will for such collection, in which receipt shall be recited the conditions imposed upon said gift as herein set forth and an agreement that such conditions will be observed to the full intent and spirit thereof.

7. The State of Wisconsin shall make suitable provision for the housing and exhibiting of said collection, for the upkeep thereof and for making such additions thereto as said curators shall deem proper and suitable.

Negotiations are now pending for the transfer to the State of Wisconsin of the collection of stone and copper implements mentioned in this item of my will and if the transfer thereof shall be completed during my lifetime, then such transfer shall be taken and considered as full satisfaction of the bequest contained in this third item of my will.

*Therefore be it Resolved* by the Executive Committee of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, that it accepts with pleasure on behalf of the Society the splendid gift of Mr. Hamilton and that the Society agrees to fulfill the conditions set forth in Item III of Mr. Hamilton's will in tendering the bequest to the Society.

*Resolved further*, that the Advisory Committee of the Society be authorized and directed whenever the said collection shall have been delivered into the custody

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of the State Historical Society to give a receipt therefor in accordance with paragraph 6, Item III of Mr. Hamilton's will.

*Resolved further*, that the Superintendent of this Society be instructed to address to the widow and heirs of Mr. Hamilton a suitable acknowledgment of his generous bequest to it.

### THE GEORGE B. BURROWS ESTATE

Mr. Quaife informed the committee that important developments had taken place during the year with reference to the George B. Burrows estate, and that Burr W. Jones, the Society's attorney in connection with the legal settlement of the estate, was present for the purpose of informing the committee concerning these developments. Mr. Jones thereupon made a detailed statement to the committee about the present legal status of the estate and concerning the action taken during the year by the Advisory Committee in the premises. Mr. Morris introduced in this connection the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by standing vote of twenty to nothing:

WHEREAS, it has been deemed essential for the protection of the interests of the State Historical Society to compromise and adjust the claim of the widow of the late George T. Burrows, and to that end the attorney having in charge the litigation in connection therewith has with the advice and approval of members of this Society agreed to pay the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars to procure from Mrs. Celeste Burrows, the widow of the said George B. Burrows, a full and entire release of the claim which she made for the whole of the estate of the late George B. Burrows, and it becomes necessary forthwith to provide for the payment of the said sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, therefore,

*Resolved*, that the treasurer of this Society be instructed to provide out of the funds of the Society the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars and such further sum by way of interest as may be required to be paid thereon, and if necessary so to do, that the said treasurer make sale and disposition of the securities now in his hands as such treasurer to the amount required.

*Resolved further*, that to accomplish this end the amount of money so used for the purposes aforesaid be borrowed temporarily from any special fund or funds belonging to this Society and the sum so borrowed transferred to the account of the general and binding fund and the ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars and interest, if any, be thereupon paid out of said general and binding fund; and that when and as soon as moneys properly applicable thereto are received by said Society, the same be paid as and when received towards the restoring to said funds from which moneys aforesaid have been borrowed the full amount of the sum so borrowed with interest thereon at six per cent (6%) per annum from the date on which moneys are taken from said funds for the purpose aforesaid.

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Father Knox reported on behalf of the Advisory Committee, including in his report remarks concerning the activities of the War History Committee of the State Council of Defense; the activity of Mr. Dudgeon abroad in collecting for the Society; action taken by the Advisory Committee in connection with the Burrows estate, the Mills property, the request of Mr. Moore of Tennessee for portions of the Draper Manuscript Collection, the acquisition of the Hamilton Collection, and budget affairs. On motion of Mr. Strange, seconded and unanimously carried, the report of the Advisory Committee was accepted.

Professor Fish presented on behalf of the Archives Committee Mr. Blegen's *Report on the Public Archives* as the report of the committee. On motion by Professor Paxson, seconded and unanimously carried, the report of the committee was accepted and the committee ordered continued.

Mr. Lacher, chairman of the committee on membership, submitted the following report:

Your committee on membership, created by the curators at the annual meeting held in October, 1918, inaugurated a campaign consisting of form letters to members, nominees, and likely prospects.

In November, 1918, the first form letter was sent to some five hundred members of the Society most likely to bring results (I).

On December 10, 1918, a follow-up letter was sent to the same members (II).

Wherever members made nominations, form letter (III) was sent to the nominee, inviting him to join the Society, while the nomination by the member was acknowledged.

In all cases where members sent in memberships, form letter (IV) was sent to the new members, and acknowledgment made to members sending in membership.

April, 1919: Form letter V sent to 100 Episcopal clergymen in Wisconsin.

May, 1919: Form letter V sent to 140 teachers and principals in Wisconsin.

October, 1919: Form letter V sent to 150 Methodist clergymen in Wisconsin.

Should it be your pleasure to continue this campaign for new members, it is proposed to send form letter V to all lawyers, doctors, clergymen of all denominations, and other persons in Wisconsin who would become worthy members of the Society.

Two hundred and five new members joined the Society since our last annual meeting. Your committee cannot determine how many of these joined as a result of the plan inaugurated by them. The experience of the past year has shown, however, that many worthy persons would gladly become members if given the



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opportunity. If increased membership is desirable, it seems to your committee that the object can only be attained by a dignified, systematic effort.

Copies of form letters are attached hereto.<sup>1</sup>

On motion of Father Knox, seconded and unanimously carried, the report was accepted and ordered placed on file, and the activities of the committee were ordered continued.

### ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Superintendent presented for the committee's consideration a list of those who during the year have signified their desire to join the Society. On motion by Professor Paxson the oral reading of the list was dispensed with and the persons included therein were unanimously elected members of the Society. The list follows:

#### LIFE

Chicago, Ill.—Dr. Norton W. Jipson, Gilbert L. Lacher.

Winnipeg, Manitoba—Sidney E. Lang.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Rev. C. O. Solberg.

Algoma—Rev. Harry W. Blackman.

Baraboo—Gritli Gattiker, Luise Gattiker.

Columbus—Frederick A. Chadbourn.

Eau Claire—Louise Schlegelmilch.

Fond du Lac—William H. Rueping.

Grand Rapids—Franklin J. Wood.

Janesville—F. F. Lewis.

La Crosse—Karl Kurtenacker.

Madison—John F. Baker, Warren J. Mead, Benjamin W. Snow, George Wagner, R. H. Whitbeck, Alexander Winchell.

Milwaukee—Asher B. Nichols, Jr., William O. Goodrich, Fred S. Hunt, W. G. Hyde, Ludington Patton, Louis Van Ess.

Mineral Point—William P. Gundry.

Monroe—Frank B. Luchsinger, W. H. McGrath.

Neenah—Frank Sensenbrenner.

Oshkosh—Nathan Paine, O. T. Waite.

Pigeon Falls—B. M. Sletteland.

Plymouth—Otto Gaffron.

Shorewood—Arthur N. Blanchard.

Sturgeon Bay—Dr. G. R. Egeland, Henry Fetzner, W. E. Wagener.

Superior—W. W. Strickland.

Wauwatosa—Julia Weinbrenner.

West Bend—George B. Rusco.

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<sup>1</sup> These are entered in the official manuscript record book of the Society, but their reprinting here has not been deemed necessary.

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- Hollywood, Calif.—John A. Week.  
Chicago, Ill.—Marrietta Sisson.  
Waukon, Iowa—A. M. May.  
Easton, Md.—Andrew A. Hathaway.  
Jamaica Plain, Mass.—H. L. Cooper.  
Detroit, Mich.—Otto H. Lacher.  
Ely, Minn.—J. D. Conan.  
Minneapolis, Minn.—R. J. Diekelmann, William H. Killen.  
St. Paul, Minn.—Colin W. Wright.  
Huron, S. D.—Norman T. Lund.  
Albany—Grace L. Blackford.  
Algoma—Ernest Bruemmer.  
Appleton—A. O. Hecht, Paul G. W. Keller, J. B. McLaren, William H. Ryan.  
Arkansasaw—Rev. Joseph Allard.  
Beaver Dam—Thomas S. Johnson.  
Beloit—Dr. Wilbur G. Melaas.  
Benton—B. P. Larkin.  
Berlin—T. W. Hamilton.  
Black River Falls—Rev. Floyd B. Harding.  
Bruce—Louis E. Knudson, Arnold G. Krause.  
Burlington—Louis H. Rohr.  
Cambridge—Alvin R. Amundson, K. K. Amundson, Casper Bagley, Louis C. Banker, Carlisle R. Clark, O. H. Hanson, F. P. Henning, Christopher Legreid, A. F. Olson, E. N. Potter.  
Chippewa Falls—Rev. F. P. O. Reed, Mrs. Leslie Willson.  
Clinton—Oscar B. Duxstad, C. K. Newhouse, John Peterson.  
Coloma—Arthur Dietz, F. Neil Gibson.  
Columbus—A. H. Whitney.  
Darlington—H. H. Wright.  
Eau Claire—Charles J. Brewer, Joseph C. Culver, Lelon A. Doolittle, Edward Hutchens, Carl G. Johnson, A. O. Kromrey, Fredrik L. Tronsdal.  
Ellsworth—Agnes L. Holdahl.  
Elkhorn—W. C. Norton.  
Ephraim—Olive M. Anderson, E. Helgeson, O. M. Olson, C. S. Smith, Everett M. Valentine.  
Fennimore—H. E. Roethe.  
Fond du Lac—A. J. Pullen.  
Glenwood City—Rev. Arthur D. Willett.  
Honey Creek—W. E. Babcock.  
Hudson—Lynn H. Ashley, Joseph Yoerg.  
Jacksonport—Rev. Joseph Jameson.  
Juneau—Prof. Elmer R. Bohnert.  
La Crosse—C. L. Baldwin, Herman O. Klein, Thos. Morris, Frank H. Scofield, Frank Winter.  
MacFarland—Rev. R. O. Brandt.  
Madison—W. J. Anderson, Roscoe A. Barnes, Ernest F. Bean, Mrs. J. J. Blaine, John Callahan, Francis A. Cannon, C. W. Davis, John E. Doyle, Rev. H. G. Goodsell, Mrs. H. P. Greeley, Frank W. Hall, Mrs. Mary L. Loomis, Mrs. H. H. Morgan, Rev. J. C. Morris, W. A. Oppel, J. B. Overton, Rev. D. A. Richardson, Wm. Ryan, Harrison A. Smith, Voyta Wrabetz.

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Marshfield—Rev. H. A. Link.

Milwaukee—W. S. Caswell, Henry K. Cowen, J. H. Daggett, Wm. H. Edwards, H. A. Hartman, E. P. Nemmers, W. E. Jillson, John Joys, E. L. Richardson, Chester Rohn, E. P. Sherry, Thomas Scholl, A. M. Simons, Rt. Rev. W. W. Webb, Joseph E. Wildish.

Montfort—Mrs. Homer Sylvester.

Neillsville—Rev. L. B. Colman.

New London—Rev. F. S. Dayton.

Oconomowoc—Mrs. Frederick Rogers.

Oshkosh—Arthur James.

Phillips—Asa K. Owen.

Plymouth—Henry Krumrey.

Platteville—Rev. R. A. Chase, John L. Grindell.

Prairie du Sac—Mrs. Anna G. Gasser, Mrs. Jennie A. Keysar.

Racine—T. M. Beck, Mrs. W. H. Crosby, Leslie M. Fowler, E. B. Hand, Dr. J. S.

Keech, Thos. Kearney Jr., Louis H. Mickelsen, John W. Owen, Dr. Francis J.

Pope, Arthur J. Porter, Fulton Thompson, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Wooster.

Radisson—William N. Clark.

Rhineland—C. P. Crosby.

Ripon—Rev. G. C. Story.

River Falls—Lincoln H. Parker.

Rochester—Ida L. Ela.

Rosendale—A. L. McClelland.

Sheboygan—C. E. Broughton, F. S. Morris, Wm. J. Rietow.

Shullsburg—A. F. Gratiot, Edward Hancock Sr., Charles J. Sarff.

South Milwaukee—Rev. Ivor G. Hyndman.

Stevens Point—Martha G. Week.

Sturgeon Bay—H. L. Peterson, Dr. T. C. Proctor, H. E. Stedman.

Superior—Charles Wickstrom.

Two Rivers—John F. Conant.

Watertown—Charles E. Frey, James F. Prentiss, Max Rohr.

Waukesha—R. L. Benjamin, John Brehm, Dr. Grove Harkness, M. A. Jacobson, C. A. Nehs, Mrs. C. E. Nelson, G. W. Norris.

Wausau—W. H. Bissell.

Wautoma—E. F. Kileen.

Whitefish Bay—Edward Deschamps.

Winneconne—Frederick Klaus, Jr.

Mr. H. E. Cole of Baraboo nominated Mrs. Edith M. von Wald of Madison to membership in the Society. On motion by Judge Stevens, seconded and unanimously carried, Mrs. von Wald was elected to membership.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Quaife read the names of the retiring officers. Father Knox, as chairman of the Advisory Committee, presented the nominations of that committee for the offices in question. On

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motion of Father Knox, seconded and unanimously carried, the following persons were elected for the three-year term ending with the annual meeting of 1922: President: E. Ray Stevens, Madison. Vice Presidents: H. E. Cole, Baraboo; John Luchsinger, Monroe; Most Reverend S. G. Messmer, Milwaukee; Frederic L. Paxson, Madison; Robert G. Siebecker, Madison; John B. Winslow, Madison. Treasurer: L. S. Hanks, Madison.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Morris stated that in view of the fact that the treasurer does most of the actual work of the Finance Committee, he should be made a member and chairman ex officio of the committee; and that this could be effected by slightly changing two of the by-laws of the Society. To this end he offered the following resolution, with the motion that it be adopted:

*Resolved*, that Section 4 of the by-laws of this Society be amended as follows, to wit: "By adding after the words 'the committee on finance' the words 'of whom the treasurer shall be one and ex officio chairman,' and by striking out from the second paragraph of section 10 the words 'with the treasurer.'"

Upon discussion Professor Paxson moved that the matter be referred to the Advisory Committee, to be reported upon at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Seconded and unanimously carried.

Professor Paxson moved that his resolution made in the meeting of the Society with reference to the matter of distributing the publications of the Society to high schools throughout the state be referred to the Advisory Committee. Seconded and unanimously carried.

Professor Paxson moved that Judge Stevens' resolution voted at the previous meeting of the Society, with reference to the manner of electing curators, be referred to the Advisory Committee. Seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Quaife stated that the Advisory Committee at its budgetary meeting in July had considered the question of dispensing with the services of night watchman and had voted

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that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for decision. On motion of Mr. Strange, seconded and carried, the committee voted that a suitable watchman's clock with keys to the different rooms of the Library building be purchased, and the services of the watchman be retained.

President Coffin presented the following letter:

Madison, Wisconsin,  
October 22, 1919.

Hon. William K. Coffin, President,  
State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

My Dear Sir:

The increasing activities of the Society and the prospect of their further development in the near future suggest the reorganization of the administration of the Society.

Should the Executive Committee deem it advisable to make provision for emphasizing our research and publication work by creating an editorial division, I should recommend such reorganization and welcome the opportunity to occupy the position thus created.

Very truly yours,

[Signed] M. M. QUAIFFE,  
Superintendent.

On motion of Father Knox, seconded by Judge Siebecker and carried by a vote of 15-0, the following resolution, introduced by Father Knox, was adopted:

*Resolved*, that the plan to develop more fully the publication and research work of the State Historical Society, as recommended by the secretary in his annual report for the executive committee, be approved; and

Be it further *Resolved*, That an editor be appointed who shall, with the approval of the superintendent and the Advisory Committee, plan, supervise, and execute the research work and publications of the Society, together with such other duties as may be assigned to him; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that Superintendent M. M. Quaife be appointed editor, with an initial salary of \$3,500, such appointment to become effective upon the installation of his successor as superintendent.

Father Knox also introduced the following resolution, which, upon his motion duly seconded, was adopted:

*Resolved*, that the president of the State Historical Society be and he is hereby directed to appoint a committee of five curators, of which he shall be a member, to nominate a superintendent to succeed the present incumbent.

No further business appearing, on motion by Mr. Strange the meeting adjourned.

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## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The financial features of the report pertain to the fiscal year of the Society which ended June 30, 1919. In other respects the report deals with the operations of the Society for the year ending September 30, 1919.

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### I SOME GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The year has witnessed the prosecution by the Society, under the authority of the State Council of Defense, of a war history drive of unprecedented vigor and magnitude. The private funds of the Society amount to \$123,730.08. The annual state appropriation is \$63,200, an increase of \$2,220 over that of the preceding year. The membership of the Society is 879, the largest figure in many years if not indeed in its history. The library has 435,882 titles. The increase for the year is the largest in the history of the Society, 13,339 titles. The year's increase in bound volumes of newspapers is likewise the largest in the history of the Society, 1,262. The newspaper division totals 27,975 bound volumes. The work of the Membership Committee has been attended with marked success. The state legislature, after a thoroughgoing survey of the administration of the Society, returned a report highly flattering to it. Death has removed two curators of long standing, Frederic K. Conover of Madison and Benjamin F. McMillan of McMillan. The high cost of living affects seriously the adequacy of the Society's financial support. This aside, the Society emerges from the world war in a highly prosperous condition and with all omens indicative of a career of gratifying progress during the years immediately before us.

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## II FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### STATE APPROPRIATIONS

The year under review is the second of the fiscal biennium which ended June 30, 1919. For the support of the Society the state legislature of 1917 appropriated \$60,980 a year during the biennium. This total sum is made up of three separate appropriations under the several heads of operation (\$52,000), property repairs and upkeep (\$780), and books, furniture, and permanent accessions (\$8,200). The following statement summarizes the operation of the funds for the year ending June 30, 1919:

### OPERATION

#### RECEIPTS

Unexpended balance in State Treasury, July 1, 1918	.	.	\$5,487.91
State appropriation for year ending June 30, 1919	.	.	52,000.00
From University of Wisconsin, balance due on joint account	.	.	1,661.24
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			\$59,149.15

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and services	.	.	.	.	.	\$45,530.97
Supplies	.	.	.	.	.	1,180.33
Travel	.	.	.	.	.	697.05
Printing and illustration	.	.	.	.	.	2,274.67
Binding	.	.	.	.	.	142.49
Repairs	.	.	.	.	.	75.00
Books and furniture	.	.	.	.	.	21.00
Freight and drayage	.	.	.	.	.	60.30
Express	.	.	.	.	.	100.00
Telephone and telegraph	.	.	.	.	.	1.60
Insurance	.	.	.	.	.	2,436.90
Postage	.	.	.	.	.	877.25
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Total	.	.	.	.	.	\$53,397.56
Unexpended balance in State Treasury, July 1, 1919	.	.	.	.	.	5,751.59
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						\$59,149.15

### MAINTENANCE

#### RECEIPTS

Unexpended balance in State Treasury, July 1, 1918	.	.	\$120.15
State appropriation for year ending June 30, 1919	.	.	780.00
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			\$900.15

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### DISBURSEMENTS

Property repairs . . . . .	859.49
Balance, June 30, 1919 . . . . .	<u>\$40.66</u>

### CAPITAL

#### RECEIPTS

Unexpended balance in State Treasury, July 1, 1918 . . .	\$215.90
State appropriation for year ending June 30, 1919 . . .	8,200.00
	<u>\$8,415.90</u>

### DISBURSEMENTS

Books, periodicals, furniture, and museum exhibits . . .	7,568.34
Balance on hand, June 30, 1919 . . . . .	<u>\$847.56</u>

For the biennium beginning July 1, 1919, the legislature of 1919 made the following annual appropriations: for operation, \$54,000; for property maintenance, \$1,000; for capital (books, etc.), \$8,200. Adding to these sums the balances available from last year's operations, the Society began the year now current with the following sums at its disposal: for operation (new appropriation, \$54,000; balance from old appropriation, \$5,751.59; due from University on joint account, \$482.49) \$60,234.08; for property maintenance, \$1,040.66; for capital account, \$9,047.56.

### PRIVATE FUNDS

For a statement of the origin, source of income, and purpose of the several private funds of the Society reference is made to the constitution and by-laws of the Society. The condition of these funds as of June 30, 1919, together with the similar data for the preceding year, may be seen in the following tabular statement:



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Fund	Amount		Amount
	July 1, 1918	Increase	June 30, 1919
General and Binding . . .	\$42,447.92	* . . . . .	\$42,447.92
Antiquarian . . . . .	25,000.77	\$2,186.79	27,187.56
Draper . . . . .	14,474.19	658.13	15,132.32
Adams . . . . .	6,213.96	276.94	6,490.90
Sheldon . . . . .	2,011.48	*60.66	1,950.82
Hollister . . . . .	15,766.33	664.95	16,431.28
Thwaites . . . . .	11,728.80	59.62	11,788.42
House . . . . .	603.34	26.81	630.15
Special Book . . . . .	1,215.71	. . . . .	1215.71
Moran . . . . .	. . . . .	410.00	410.00
Institutional . . . . .	. . . . .	45.00	45.00
	\$119,462.50	. . . . .	\$123,730.08

\*Decrease.

The General and Binding continues as in recent years to be the principal working fund of the Society. The income of the Thwaites and the Antiquarian funds might be levied upon with almost equal facility, but the necessity for doing so to any considerable extent has not arisen. The House, Special Book, and Moran funds are of temporary character only, their spending awaiting only a convenient opportunity. On July 1, 1919, the private funds of the Society totaled \$123,730.08, an increase over the preceding year of \$4,267.58.

During the year the Society entered into an agreement with the Y. W. C. A. of Madison (the two organizations being joint owners of the Mills homestead) whereby the latter is allowed the free use of the premises for a term of years on consideration that it be responsible for the maintenance charges thereon. With respect to the Burrows estate, an agreement was reached with the widow of George T. Burrows as a result of which she waives all objection to the dissolution of the trusteeship, and the question of dissolving or continuing the trust is now before the court for determination. The official valuation of the estate at latest report was \$381,000.

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## III THE LIBRARY

### THE STAFF

The preceding report noted a somewhat abnormal situation with respect to changes in the Library staff. With the coming of peace there has been a return to more normal conditions with respect to duration of service of employees of the Society. Contrary to general expectation, however, the cost of living did not fall with the cessation of warfare. On the contrary, it continued to mount with steadfast perseverance. Consequently, the problem of employees of the Society of living on the salaries which the state permits it to pay them is probably more pressing than ever before. For the biennium recently entered upon the state legislature has increased the Society's annual support, and it in turn has increased the pay of many of its workers; but these increases have been but modest, by no means keeping pace with the increase in the cost of living. With salary increases in recent years, as with Alice in Wonderland, "you have to go fast in order to stay where you are." Less fortunate than most workers, the employees of the Society have not been able, in spite of the increases that have been made, to stay where they were a few years ago. It seems to be generally agreed that the increase in living costs over the five-year period beginning with the outbreak of the European War in the summer of 1914 has been at least one hundred per cent. It seems evident, further, that many groups of workers have received salary or wage increases during this period of approximately one hundred per cent. Conceding that these statements as to living costs and wage increases only approximate the facts, we compare the present pay of our employees with that received five years ago. Twenty-one present members of the staff were on the Society pay roll in July, 1914. Many of them are young workers whose pay would have been increased from time to time regardless of any change in general living conditions. In rank

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they range from housemaids and janitors to the Superintendent. The aggregate salary of these twenty-one workers was \$23,220 at the earlier date; at present it is \$28,768. The increase, therefore, for the five-year period amounts to .238 per cent.

The last annual report noted the vacancy created by the resignation of Bertha Davis, Superintendent's secretary, to enter upon Red Cross service in France. Her place has been filled during most of the year now under review by Georgia Grover and, more recently, jointly by Miss Grover and Miss Edna Jacobson; both are students in the University and work for the Society on a part-time basis. At the close of 1918 Genevieve Deming resigned her position in the Order Division, and her place has since been filled by Dorothy Park. In September, 1918 Mable Weeks, in recent years chief of the Manuscript Division, was granted leave of absence to engage in war work. Some time later she definitely resigned her position with the Society, and the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mrs. Kate Levi, who had been temporarily supplying Miss Weeks' place as chief of the Manuscript Division. Mrs. Levi had previously been in temporary charge of the Newspaper Division during the six months' absence of Miss Beecroft, from May to October, 1918. In November, 1918 A. O. Barton assumed the work of director of the Wisconsin War History Committee to succeed Dr. Oliver who resigned in August to enlist in the army. Mr. Barton was engaged only until July 1, 1919, since it was expected that the state legislature would make permanent provision for the work by that time. In fact, his service with the Society terminated at the close of July instead of the close of June. Just at the close of the year under review Miss Foster, chief of the Reference Division of the Library, entered upon a six months' leave of absence with the purpose of undertaking a tour of the Orient. In her place Myra Harker of Madison has been engaged as substitute. Finally, Dr. Martha Edwards began work in July on a temporary appointment as research assistant to carry to

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completion her study of government patronage of Indian missions, which the Society expects ultimately to publish.

The composition of the caretakers' staff continues to manifest but little change. Because of ill health Carrie Pieh resigned as housemaid in September, 1919. Due to the decision of the University to install self-locking coat racks in the cloakrooms and thus dispense with the cloakroom service (the cost of which has always been borne by the University), the services of George Noyes and A. J. Brabant, attendants in the men's cloakroom, and of Ida Steffen and Grace Thompson, attendants in the women's cloakroom, were terminated at the close of the 1919 summer session of the University.

### THE GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

In the preceding report figures and comment were presented designed to show the decrease over a term of years of the Society's book appropriation when measured in terms of purchasing power. The present report records a gratifying increase in sum total of titles accessioned, but the need for a reasonable increase in the book appropriation still remains. Two items seem worthy of record in this connection: notwithstanding the decreased purchasing power of the book appropriation both the total number of accessions and the number of volumes of newspapers added are the greatest for any year in the Society's history. In the six-year period of the present superintendency there has been an increase in the Newspaper Division of .258 per cent and in the Library as a whole (exclusive of museum and manuscripts for which precise figures are not available) of .196 per cent. The figures which follow summarize the growth of the year and present comparative statistics for the years 1918 and 1919:

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## STATISTICS OF ACCESSIONS

Books by purchase (including exchanges) . . . . .	1,883	
Books by gift . . . . .	2,352	
Total books . . . . .		4,235
Pamphlets by purchase (including exchanges) . . . . .	485	
Pamphlets by gift . . . . .	7,192	
Pamphlets made from newspaper clippings (purchase) . . . . .	225	
Total pamphlets . . . . .		7,902
Bound volumes of newspapers by purchase (including exchanges). (Periodicals, indexes, and other publications kept in newspaper department are counted with the newspaper volumes)	648	
Bound volumes of newspapers by gift . . . . .	614	
Total newspaper volumes . . . . .		1,262
Total accession of titles (excluding engravings, photographs, and maps)		13,399
Engravings, photographs, and maps by purchase (including exchanges) . . . . .	351	
Engravings, photographs, and maps by gift . . . . .	2,466	
Total engravings, photographs, and maps . . . . .		2,817
Present estimated strength of the Library:		
Books and newspapers . . . . .		212,275
Pamphlets . . . . .		223,607
Total number of titles (books, newspapers, and pamphlets) . . . . .		435,882

## COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR 1918 AND 1919

	1918	1919
Total accessions (books, pamphlets, and newspapers)	12,619	13,399
Percentage of gifts in accessions . . . . .	79	76
Percentage of purchases (including exchanges) . . . . .	21	24
Books by gift (including duplicates) . . . . .	4,595	3,494
Pamphlets by gift (including duplicates) . . . . .	11,137	12,625
Newspapers by gift (including duplicates) . . . . .	588	656
Engravings, photographs, and maps by gift (including duplicates) . . . . .	3,124	3,746
Total gifts (including duplicates which are not accessioned) . . . . .	19,444	20,521
Percentage of gifts that were duplicates . . . . .	39	38
Percentage of gifts that were accessions . . . . .	61	62

## NEWSPAPER DIVISION

During the year 1,262 bound volumes of newspapers have been added to the Library, 597 of which were presented by the publishers or others; 665 volumes were purchased. The total strength of the Newspaper Division on October 1, 1919 was

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27,975 volumes<sup>1</sup>. By classes, there were 8,913 volumes of Wisconsin papers, 10,918 volumes of non-Wisconsin papers, 3,027 volumes of trade and labor journals, 420 newspaper indexes, and 10,918 volumes of miscellaneous character. The following figures with respect to classification of the contents of the Newspaper Division on other grounds may be of interest: There are 25,433 volumes of American newspapers; 1,517 volumes of English papers; 605 volumes of foreign papers (other than English); and 420 index volumes. Four hundred fifteen volumes of American papers are of earlier date than 1800, and 409 more fall within the years 1801-20. Of the English papers, 208 volumes fall within the years 1656-1800, and 53 volumes from 1801-20. Thus, the great portion of the Society's collection belongs to the century which began with 1821. Yet the best informed authority in the country on early American newspapers recently gave the opinion informally that if the year 1800 be taken as a closing date, this Society's collection of American newspapers ranks fourth, and if the year 1820 be taken, third in importance among existing collections.

During the year 584 newspapers were currently received for preservation, 293 of them being from Wisconsin, 199 from without the state, and 92 trade and labor or miscellaneous in character.

Acquisitions of noncurrent files of papers have been numerous and important; particularly notable have been the acquisitions of photostatic copies of files, the originals of which can never in the nature of the case be procured by this Society. In the lists below of the more important of these noncurrent files added to the Library during the year attention is called to the fact that the data provided are incomplete and aim

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<sup>1</sup> This statement excludes from consideration a large number of duplicate newspaper files on hand; also a considerable quantity of unbound papers and of bound volumes purchased during the year which are awaiting rebinding before being accessioned. Figures for these will appear in the statistics for next year.

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merely to indicate as accurately as may be done in very brief compass the files acquired:

*Boston Gazette* (photostat copies), 1719-36.  
*New York Gazette* (photostat copies), 1726-32.  
*Boston News Letter* (photostat copies), 1733-40.  
*Newport Mercury* (photostat copies), 1758-62.  
*Pennsylvania Gazette*, 1766-69.  
*London Chronicle*, 1771.  
*Lexington Kentucky Gazette* (photostat copies), 1787-91.  
*Georgetown Federal Republican and Commercial Gazette*, 1812-13.  
*Detroit Gazette* (photostat copies), 1817-19.  
*Baltimore Federal Republican and Baltimore Telegraph*, 1817-21.  
*Washington Republican*, 1823.  
*Frederick (Md.) Political Intelligencer or Republican Gazette*, 1825-26.  
*Washington National Journal*, 1826-30.  
*Washington United States Telegraph*, 1827-29; 1833-37.  
*Cincinnati Liberty Hall and Cincinnati Gazette*, 1829-30.  
*Boston Courier*, 1829-34.  
*Columbus Ohio State Journal and Columbus Gazette*, 1831.  
*Baltimore Commercial Chronicle and Daily Marylander*, 1831.  
*New York New Yorker*, 1834-38.  
*Washington Globe*, 1835.  
*Charleston Mercury*, 1835-36; 1841-42.  
*Lexington (Ky.) Intelligencer*, 1835; 1837-39.  
*Milledgeville (Ga.) Journal*, 1836.  
*Detroit Daily Advertiser*, 1840-42.  
*Vicksburg Daily Whig*, 1840-41.  
*New York Mirror*, 1842.  
*Washington Union*, 1843-50; 1853-58.  
*New Orleans, Price Current*, 1845-46; 1853-57.  
*New York Cultivator*, 1846.  
*St. Louis Price Current*, 1856-57.  
*New York Tribune*, 1857-60.  
*Beaver Dam (Wis.) Dodge County Citizen*, 1858-59.  
*Atchison (Kans.) Freedom's Champion*, 1858-92.  
*New York Evening Post*, 1860-62; 1866-73; 1893-94; 1896-97; 1899-1900; 1905.  
*New York Progress*, 1902-10.  
*London Graphic*, 1905-06.

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The staff of this division has changed completely within a year, Miss Weeks, the chief, having given place to Mrs. Levi, and Miss Congdon, cataloguer and room attendant, to Miss Parkhill, a student in the University, who works on part-time basis only. Notwithstanding these changes, it is believed the division is being administered with its customary efficiency.

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Although few unusual acquisitions were made by this division of the Library during the year, the steady inflow of manuscripts and pictures noted in the preceding report still continues. This gratifying condition is due apparently to two factors: The administration is vigilant in locating and having located, and in the endeavor to procure manuscripts and other historical material; and the people of the state (oftentimes of other states) are cordial, as a rule, in their response to such appeals. Several letters a week, for example, are written to the families of old soldiers but recently deceased, inquiring whether they have left diaries or other Civil War material, and if so, whether the present possessors will not give it to the Society. Commonly there is nothing to be given, but even in such cases a letter is frequently received expressing the writer's regret that his relative left no historical material.

We proceed to note the more important manuscript acquisitions of the year<sup>1</sup>. Easily first among individual collections are the papers of Hon. George B. Smith, "statesman, politician, patriot, legist, lecturer, orator and friend," in former years a member and curator of this Society. The papers which have come to the Society cover the entire period of Mr. Smith's career in Wisconsin, but not until 1868 do they become voluminous. From this time until his death in 1878 everything, apparently, was saved, and because of his wide acquaintance and political prominence the papers present an epitome of Wisconsin history during this decade.

Our constant solicitation of Civil War veterans, to which allusion has been made, has brought to the Library during the year at least half a dozen valuable groups of Civil War manuscripts. The diary of Lieut. A. V. Knapp of the Tenth Wisconsin Infantry in four manuscript volumes is one of these acquisitions. From E. O. Kimberley of Janesville, another Wisconsin veteran of the War for the Union, some two hundred letters written home from the front have been re-

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<sup>1</sup> For fuller descriptions of them, see the "Historical Survey" section of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*.



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ceived. A particularly interesting group of similar letters is that of Peter Larson of Crawford County, presented by his daughter. From Col. Michael H. Fitch of Pueblo, Colorado, who has often befriended the Society in the past, an additional installment of his Civil War papers has been received. Another collection of about one hundred twenty-five letters has been received from the family of Capt. Richard E. Carter of Janesville. That this Society was seeking such material sixty years ago, even as it is today, is interestingly evidenced by one of these letters: "I this day got a letter," wrote Mr. Carter, "from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, in which I am informed that I have been elected a corresponding member of the Society, asking me to keep a diary, etc., for them. Would you do it? May it not be a benefit?"

Among other valuable additions to the Society's Manuscript Division are the papers of the late Orlando E. Clark of Appleton. Included with them is a small but interesting group of records of the famous Charleston Convention of 1860, at which the Democratic party split irretrievably, and in so doing went far toward precipitating the Civil War. From Mrs. Merrell of Ripon have come the papers of her late husband, professor or president of Ripon College for nearly half a century. Allied to these papers in interest are those of the Reverend E. G. Updike, for twenty-five years pastor of the First Congregational Church of Madison and one of the leading intellectual forces of the state.

A unique and valuable historical record is the manuscript *Chronicle of Voree*, the privilege of making a photostatic copy of which was accorded the Society by the owner, Mr. Wingfield Watson of Burlington. The *Chronicle* is the official minute book of the Mormon community of James J. Strang, kept at Voree from 1844 until the removal to Beaver Island in 1849. Access to it is indispensable to one who would study the history of the interesting Mormon movement with which it is concerned.

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Properly to be noted in this connection is the valuable card calendar of manuscripts in the government archives at Washington, which Dr. N. D. Mereness has continued to turn out for the Society throughout the year just closed. Dr. Mereness is employed jointly by the historical departments of six North-western states (Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin), to search systematically in the Washington archives for the papers of historical value to the states employing him, and to make a careful card calendar of those papers which would be of value to students of the history of these states.

The utilization of the photostat to bring to the Library copies of documents the originals of which cannot be had has been carried on with vigor during the year. In this way the manuscript *Chronicle of Voree* was reproduced; likewise, the rare file of the *Voree Gospel Herald* and other things. At the close of the year negotiations are under way looking to the securing for the purpose of reproduction of the *Missouri Gazette*, Missouri's first newspaper, but one file of which for the early years has been preserved. Notice will be taken elsewhere in this report of photostatic newspaper files and other imprints reproduced by other libraries during the year for our benefit. The other great use to which the photostat is put is to serve the patrons of the Library. For the cheap and accurate reproduction of maps and manuscripts, and even printed matter oftentimes, it affords by far the most satisfactory method.

### IV THE MUSEUM

#### ACQUISITIONS

One thousand two hundred and twenty-five specimens were added to the Museum during the year ending October 1, 1919. Of this number 230 were acquired through purchase and the remainder were given to the Society. The specimens donated represent the gifts of over one hundred persons, residents of

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Madison and the state. Such a record testifies significantly to the widespread popularity of the Museum.

It is possible to mention in this report but a few of the many hundred acquisitions. An interesting collection of Ottawa Indian articles, of about forty pieces, has been deposited by Miss Therese M. Faville, of Madison. These formerly belonged to her ancestor, Mrs. Henry S. Baird of Green Bay. A crochet counterpane in use on the bed in which President Lincoln died was presented by Richard Lloyd Jones of Madison. A Kentucky rifle, said to have belonged to the famous frontiersman, Daniel Boone, was deposited by the late C. A. Rafter of Platteville. The estate of Dr. Louis Falge has given a collection of about one hundred archeological specimens largely collected by their owner from Indian sites in Manitowoc County.

Numerous donations to the World War collection have been received. Among the most generous of these givers are Lieut. George A. Chandler, Lieut. Harold G. Wengler, Lieut. Earl W. Hutchinson, Capt. Horatio Winslow, John R. Heddle, and Christo Ganchoff.

Mr. M. S. Dudgeon, curator of this Society, kindly undertook to obtain museum specimens and other library material while engaged in library work with our armies in France. The most valuable of his purchases for the Museum are three examples of French camouflaging and a German machine gun. Frank H. West has loaned a collection of about fifty-five specimens which he obtained while engaged in Y. M. C. A. service in France. Lieut. Ray E. Williams has added a number of specimens to his collection loaned a year ago. A collection of shrapnel and other projectiles is loaned by Mr. Clarence M. Williams of Madison. A collection of 200 specimens of United States army divisional insignia, said to be very complete, was prepared for the Museum by the Globe Tailoring Co., Milwaukee. A set of four fine plaster models of French battlefields, in use in the Liberty Loan drives in Chicago, has been presented by Mr. O. D. Brandenburg, Madison.

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### SPECIAL AND ART EXHIBITS

Fifty special exhibits of a historical character were made. Some of these were prepared to meet special requirements of University classes and others for the information of the general public.

The first of these exhibits, made in November, 1918, consisted of a unique collection of Dakota Territory newspapers published during the devastating blizzards, snow blockades, and floods of the memorable months of February to May of the year 1881. Because of the then great difficulty of obtaining print paper these papers were printed on sheets of foolscap, tissue, and wrapping paper, wall paper, cloth, and other available materials.

Among other exhibits of an instructive nature was one of early American state, city, and college lottery tickets; one of friendship cards in use in Holmen, La Crosse County, in 1870-80; one of old style woven hair jewelry; one of early Wisconsin bank notes; and one of early American watches.

The interest of local philatelists was attracted by several fine exhibits of airplane covers and of foreign war-time Red Cross, charity, war tax, revenue, occupation, and other rare and interesting postage stamps.

Exhibits of war-time interest included a collection of posters prepared by French school children; French war photographs; files of newspapers published by the American army in France; letter seals in use by various regiments of the French and Italian armies; several pre-war German posters and Russian Bolshevik posters; reproductions of the field sketchbooks of Lucien Jonas, an official artist of the French army; specimens of the cartoons of the Australian soldier artist, Corporal Cecil L. Hartt; a collection contrasting Civil War and World War patriotic stationery; and a collection of the propaganda leaflets distributed by the A. E. F. over the enemy battle lines by balloon and airplane during October and November, 1918.

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Under the auspices of the Madison Art Association a series of art exhibitions was given in the Society auditorium during the year. From December to January a large collection of the original drawings and studies and mural decorations of Violet Oakley, A. N. A., was made. Other exhibitions made between this time and the close of the University semester in June consisted of collections of the paintings of Vaclav Vytlacil, Frank A. Desch, Gerritt A. Beneker, Lars Haukaness, Geo. Elmer Brown, and Eliot Clark. An exhibition of the fine landscape paintings of Jonas Lie continued through the University summer session. In June an exhibit of two cases of the splendid medallion portraits of T. Spicer Simson was made.

### SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTION

Twenty-two classes with a total of 573 students representing the University departments of English, Engineering, Manual Arts, Home Economics, Journalism, Latin, and the College of Agriculture visited and received instruction in the Museum.

Coöperation with the Journalism department was constant throughout the year. At different times lists of subjects suitable for newspaper and magazine articles were sent to the instructors, who detailed members of their classes to visit the Museum and write on these assignments. Many other journalism students came to the Museum of their own accord in their search for topics. Classes from several other departments of the University did work in the Museum at different times.

To the disturbed condition of all public affairs during the World War and the greatly increased cost of railroad travel must be ascribed a falling off in the number of state high schools visiting the Museum. Those who came from other cities were from Baraboo, Brodhead, Columbus, Lomira, Mt. Horeb, Richland Center, Sparta, and Stoughton. The Madison High School art classes came on frequent occasions to view the art exhibits. The total attendance of pupils from all high schools was 378.

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Classes from twenty-six graded and rural schools with a total of 410 pupils came from Baraboo, Blooming Grove, Columbus, De Forest, Dodgeville, Dunn Township, Edgerton, Hanover, Lodi, Marshall, Merrimac, Mt. Horeb, New Lisbon, Oregon, Pleasant Hill, Rockdale, Stoughton, and Wabeno. Edgewood Academy and several Madison schools frequently availed themselves of the Museum collections in teaching history and geography.

### MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE

On February 3 a well attended meeting of the History department of the Madison Woman's Club was held in the north hall of the Museum. On this occasion a Chinese student of the University delivered an interesting lecture on "The Chinese Woman." After the meeting an examination of the fine collection of Chinese materials in the Museum was made. A meeting of the Madison Art League was held in the auditorium on February 10 during the exhibition of the Vytlacil paintings, forty members listening to the lecture on these given by Miss Stella T. Elmendorf. Several summer session pilgrimages to places of historic or archeological interest in the vicinity of Madison were made under the guidance of the chief of the Museum.

The increasing appreciation and value of the costume picture collection was attested to by the number of times it was consulted by students and townspeople. The University Extension Division frequently borrowed parts of the collection for use by organizations and individuals in various parts of the state. Several traveling loan exhibits of specimens and photographs illustrating "Pioneer Domestic Arts" have been prepared by the Museum. These will be ready for circulation among the public schools of the state as aids to teachers after October 1, 1919.

A new handbook describing "The Pioneer Drug Store" was prepared for the use of visitors, Professor Edward Kremers

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being the author. A leaflet, "Little Walks About Madison," intended as a guide to places of historic and scenic interest within easy walking distance of the University, was prepared for the use of students by Mr. Brown. Hundreds of copies of this leaflet have already been distributed to students and summer visitors to the city.

### ARCHEOLOGICAL REPORTS AND MEETINGS

Largely because of the number of its members and field workers who were serving with the American army or were engaged in "Win the War" service at home no field work was undertaken by the Wisconsin Archeological Society during the past year. The quarterly reports published and distributed by the Society include *Adams County*, by H. E. Cole and H. A. Smythe; *Archeological Reconnaissance of Juneau County*, by Ira M. Buell; and *Stone Celts and Indian Trade Implements and Ornaments*, by Charles E. Brown.

On September 1, 1919 a joint pilgrimage of the State Historical Society and the Wisconsin Archeological Society was conducted to the site of the prehistoric Indian enclosure at Aztalan, near Lake Mills. In this successful meeting members and friends of both societies to the number of about five hundred participated.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are submitted by Mr. Brown, chief of the Museum:

1. The rapidly growing collection of World War material is now for the most part temporarily housed in the Print room, completely filling at this time four large double table cases and one small table case and overflowing into the adjoining north hall of the Museum, with considerable material held in reserve for want of cases. It is recommended that the Print room become the permanent display room for this material and that wall and other cases for this room be built. Return-

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ing Wisconsin soldiers have brought with them large numbers of interesting specimens many of which will certainly become the property of the Society; provision for the care and installation of these as well as of the collection already assembled must be made.

2. In the rear of the Museum storeroom and adjoining the auditorium is a small room now occupied by the Fairchild collection of foreign and old American dolls. This room might be fitted up as a display room for a collection of old-fashioned clothing, toys, story books, games, and other articles illustrating the history of childhood in pioneer days in Wisconsin and the Northwest; along this line a considerable quantity of very interesting material has already been collected. In order properly to install this collection several wall cases should be erected and other furniture provided, and the walls and ceiling should be appropriately decorated. An opportunity is here provided for some generous friend of the Society to become a real benefactor to Wisconsin children by providing the funds for the installation and care and increase of a public collection of this character.

3. The gift to the State Historical Society of the very extensive and valuable Henry P. Hamilton collection of archeological material requires that serious thought be given to the matter of its installation. But one part of the Museum, the west end of south hall, is available for its housing, and this only by the shifting of some and the retirement from public exhibition of others of the collections now there.

4. The Museum is badly in need of additional assistance in caring for the collections and in helping to instruct the ever growing number of visitors and visiting schools. During the past ten years the growth of the collections has been very great. Over fifteen thousand specimens are on permanent exhibition and a number of thousands of others held in reserve. Nearly every one of the cases is filled to its capacity. Each year has brought numerous additional opportunities for educational service to local and state schools, University classes, and



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other visitors. As many as possible of these the Museum has grasped, despite the smallness of its working force, which consists at present of a chief of department, an assistant (giving only half of her time to the Museum), and a janitor. The time of the assistant is of necessity given up almost entirely to office work and that of the janitor to cleaning, the repair of specimens and furniture, and the policing of the halls. It has now grown beyond the power of so small a force to handle the ever increasing work in many educational lines. An additional assistant to help in the instruction of schools, of visitors, and in the care of the collections is needed. The number of schools and University classes making use of the Museum could be greatly increased if it were within our power to attend to their instruction. Arrangements could also be made for more frequent Sunday openings of the Museum.

5. The preparation in the near future of additional miniature historical groups and models illustrating pioneer and Indian life should receive consideration. Attention is drawn to what the historical department of the Milwaukee Public Museum is now doing along this line. For the making of such models an experienced preparator is needed.

## V RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION DIVISION

Mr. Barton, who in November, 1918 succeeded Dr. Oliver as director of the War History Committee, continued in this employment until August, 1919, since which time the position has been discontinued. Thus, the Research Division has been without one of its small staff of workers since the spring of 1918. Since July 1, 1919 Dr. Martha Edwards has been employed on temporary appointment, thus restoring for the time being the full working staff. As chief of the Manuscripts Division (who gives a considerable portion of her time to research work), Miss Weeks has been replaced by Mrs. Levi.

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The volume of publications issued by the Society has remained at about the same level as in recent years. The more important items of the year's output have been the four issues of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*, and Volume XXVI of the *Collections* of the Society, entitled *The Movement for Statehood, 1845-46*, which came from the printer in April, 1919. The latter is the first of a series of volumes recording the documentary history of our state constitution. The minor publications issued during the year were numerous, and some at least were of considerable importance. Continuing the monthly checklist of Wisconsin state documents, begun in 1917, twelve monthly numbers and one annual cumulation (*Checklist of Wisconsin Public Documents Issued during 1918*) were issued. Likewise, twelve issues of the monthly editorial clip sheet, the *Wisconsin History Bulletin*, were supplied to some three hundred newspapers of Wisconsin and by them abundantly utilized. Because of paper shortage and financial stringency publication of the annual checklist of newspapers and periodicals currently received, as well as of the annual list of members of the Society and its auxiliaries, was omitted for the year under review. It is expected, however, that these checklists will be issued for the year beginning October 1, 1919. The annual *Proceedings of the Society at Its Sixty-sixth Annual Meeting Held October 24, 1918*, a pamphlet of 53 pages, came from the printer in April, 1919. An important *Report on the Public Archives*, prepared by Theodore C. Blegen, came from the press in February, 1919. In April a handbook on the Pioneer Drugstore in the Museum, written by Dr. Edward Kremers, head of the Pharmaceutical Department of the University, was issued. An indication of the interesting character of this publication is afforded by the fact that two pharmaceutical periodicals (*The National Drug Clerk*, Chicago; *The Spatula*, Boston) have already asked permission to reprint the cuts in writing up the contents of the handbook. In connection with the War History work, two bulletins of information were issued: number 3, published in

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November, 1918 was devoted to *Some Further Suggestions Concerning the Collection of County War History Material*; number 4, published in February, 1919 was entitled *Concerning War Memorials*.

At the close of the year under review copy for two volumes of the *Collections*, continuing the Constitutional Series begun with volume XXVI, was in the hands of the state printer. Material for the first of these, *The Convention of 1846*, was sent to the printer in November, 1918 and has now (October, 1919) reached the galley proof stage; copy for the second, *The Struggle over Ratification, 1846-47*, was sent to press in August, 1919.

In process of editing (or writing, as the case may be) at the present time are four important enterprises, each of which will ultimately be embodied in a volume. The editing of the final volume of the Constitutional Series is well advanced but its completion will probably await another year. What gives promise of being one of the most important studies ever undertaken by the Society has been in course of preparation by Miss Kellogg during much of the past year. This is a writing, from the sources, of a comprehensive history of early Wisconsin during the French, British, and early American régimes. The following note on the subject has been submitted by Miss Kellogg:

So far, only a few episodes in the early history of the region now embraced in Wisconsin have been discussed; moreover, there has grown up about some of these episodes a mass of unreliable tradition that does not rest on contemporary evidence. Wisconsin had a long and interesting career as a portion of the French empire in America and a shorter but no less important connection with the British administration of Canada. Her early relation to the United States government while an integral portion of Northwest and Indiana territories, has been but little understood; nor has the fact been generally known that in Wisconsin were tried out the policies concerning the Indian wards of the government that reacted upon the nation as a whole. The work will treat of the history of Wisconsin during the preterritorial period, involving the discussion of the progressive discovery of the Great Lakes, the French policy of annexation and administration, Wisconsin as the keystone of the French empire in North America, Wisconsin as the center of intrigue for the restoration of Latin rule, and Wisconsin as the heart of the fur trade imperium.

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Since July, 1919 Miss Edwards, formerly professor of history in Lake Erie College, has been in the employ of the Society, laboring to complete her valuable study on *Government Patronage of Indian Missions*, begun several years ago. At the request of the Superintendent she has submitted this statement concerning the enterprise she has in hand:

As the title suggests, the civilization of the Indian tribes was a matter in which both the government and the religious organizations were vitally interested. The conduct of missions, in fact, was a kind of cooperative enterprise in which the government and the several religious denominations took part, somewhat similar to the work of the Y. M. C. A. or other religious organizations during the recent war. It is the origin and development of this systematic cooperation that I am trying to trace. So far as I am aware, no other historian has taken this fact into consideration in treating the problems of our national development.

For two reasons a study of this kind logically belongs to Wisconsin. In the first place, there are many striking illustrations of the characteristic features of the system to be found in the administration of Indian affairs within the territory and the state which give point to the conclusions I hope to present; but more important than this is the fact that I know of no other library where so much material for a study of this particular kind can be found. Especially notable is the large collection of missionary reports, religious histories, and religious pamphlets which I have listed and classified in a carefully annotated bibliography, in the hope of making them more accessible to students of American history. In addition to these sources, the Society possesses unusually valuable manuscript collections relating to missionary work in Wisconsin, such as the Kemper papers, the Marsh, and the Miner papers. In fact, it has been necessary for me to consult only one collection of letters outside those belonging to the Society. The third class of material I need to use is also at hand in the Public Document Division of the Library, in the Calendar and transcripts from the Indian Department at Washington. The bibliography, which I myself regard as the most valuable part of my work, will therefore reveal to some extent the richness of the Society's historical collections.

In the text of the study I am endeavoring to bring together information gleaned from these various sources and to present a clear narrative of the relations between the government and the missionaries. The method I have adopted will, I think, suggest many uses of this material which have not as yet become familiar to historical students. Here also I am hoping that my study will make a distinct addition to the Society's present record of scholarly achievement.

Last but by no means least of the research enterprises now being prosecuted is the work of Mrs. Levi. It is probably safe to say that no other institution in America has done as much to make the contents of its newspaper collection available to users through the publication of catalogs of its contents as has our Society. The most notable of these publications is, of course,

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the *Annotated Catalogue of Newspaper Files*, published in 1911. In 1918 this was brought down to date by the publication of a *Supplementary Catalogue of Newspaper Files*, listing the acquisitions made during the years indicated in the title. The project entrusted to Mrs. Levi for execution, more comprehensive than those hitherto undertaken, aims to accomplish three things: to present an annotated checklist of all Wisconsin newspapers ever published; to show, as far as possible, where files have been preserved, whether in the State Historical Library or elsewhere; and finally, to provide a history of the press of Wisconsin. This is an extensive program, the carrying out of which will probably require a considerable period of time. As yet the work is still in the initial stage. Since the press of the state affords by far the most valuable source for historical and social research, the adequate completion of the task which has been undertaken by Mrs. Levi should prove of great value to the scholarly interests of Wisconsin.

We conclude the report of work in this division by presenting the comment of perhaps the best known authority in America on archival questions (*American Historical Review* October, 1919) upon Mr. Blegen's *Report on the Public Archives* to which allusion has been made above:

This well-considered and carefully-written pamphlet is one of the most encouraging signs of the times. It is a study, in the light of the best European and American practice and precept, of the problem of dealing with the public records of Wisconsin. It may occasion some surprise to learn that, in the matter of caring for its archives, Wisconsin is hardly abreast of Massachusetts and is considerably behind Iowa and Alabama, but such is the case. The State Historical Society, turning its attention to this state of affairs, commissioned Mr. Blegen to make a report on the general situation and to suggest a plan for the better organization and administration of the public records. Mr. Blegen first made a study of the archival practices of certain foreign countries, especially England and Canada, and of a few of the American states, such as Iowa, Mississippi, and Pennsylvania. The best practice he found to be based on three fundamental principles: "(1) the centralization of all archives not in current use; (2) an efficient and scientific classification and general administration of the records thus centralized; (3) the custody of the archives under officials thoroughly trained, both in theory and in practice, for their work." In the application of these principles to the situation in Wisconsin, Mr. Blegen urges the erection of a special building to serve as an archive depot, and the organization of an archive administration under the

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State Historical Society, already the trustee of the state for all its historical interests. It is to be hoped that Mr. Blegen's recommendations will be adopted for they are clearly in accordance with the best archival practice and would meet the demands of administrative efficiency and historical scholarship.

### VI WISCONSIN WAR HISTORY DRIVE

The preceding report told the story down to the latter part of October, 1918 of the organization and work of the War History Committee of the State Council of Defense of which the Superintendent was chairman, and the funds and direction of which were supplied by the State Historical Society. From November 1, 1918 to August 1 of the present year Mr. A. O. Barton of Madison was employed by the Society in the capacity of director of the War History Committee. This work he carried on with enthusiasm and success and on laying it down was able to render the gratifying report which we present below. Since the Historical Society had taken up this work as the most appropriate agency for meeting a war emergency, it was felt that the legislature of 1919 should indicate its approval of the work by making regular and adequate provision for its continuance, lacking which, the work would necessarily be terminated. Accordingly the chairman of the War History Committee drafted a bill providing for a Wisconsin War History Commission, which with important modifications was enacted into law. The law creates a nonsalaried War History Commission of six members (the Governor, the Adjutant General, the Superintendent of this Society, and three citizens appointed by the Governor) to which the duty of collecting the materials and compiling a history of Wisconsin's part in the World War is entrusted. For this work an appropriation of \$10,000 annually is made, and in addition a special appropriation of \$25,000 for the purpose of publishing an official history of the Thirty-second Division. This commission organized in mid-October, General Charles King of Milwaukee being made chairman and John G. Gregory of Milwaukee, secretary. To it, therefore, the further direction of

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the war history drive is committed. We cannot refrain, in concluding, from publicly thanking the hundreds of individuals, some of whose names appear below, for the unpaid and public spirited coöperation they afforded (and in large part are still affording) the War History Committee (henceforth the new War History Commission) in securing the contemporary records of Wisconsin's part in the World War. A most gratifying spectacle of popular participation on an extensive scale in the altruistic work of saving our historical records for the instruction and benefit of posterity has been afforded. The report of Mr. Barton upon the status of the work when he laid it down follows:

The war history work may be said to be in a satisfactory condition in the great majority of counties. While a number of counties have reported that they have nearly completed their records, none have entirely ceased work and the greater number are still some distance from their goal. This is due largely to the fact that many of the state's troops have but recently returned or are still abroad.

It is gratifying to note that in most of the counties having the larger cities, such as Superior, Racine, Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Green Bay, La Crosse, Janesville, Appleton, Eau Claire, Manitowoc and Stevens Point, the work fell into capable and interested hands. In all these counties excellent results have been obtained. Perhaps the larger counties with the best records are Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, Outagamie, Racine, Kenosha, and Brown: among the smaller Adams, Clark, Waukesha, Taylor, Dunn, Crawford, Waushara, and Green Lake show the best reports. In the two largest counties, Milwaukee and Winnebago, the progress has been less; however, in both these counties the War Mothers have come forward with substantial aid of much promise. A half dozen counties have little to show as yet. Among these are Juneau, Dodge, Iowa, Oconto, and Waupaca. Juneau and Iowa will probably receive good attention soon. Some county councils of defense made appropriations for the history work; others gave neither funds nor encouragement. The correspondence files will give further light on the status of the individual counties.

In a number of counties war histories and albums are in course of publication, chiefly by outside concerns. Among such counties may be mentioned Brown, Columbia, Burnett, Dunn, Door, Iowa, Crawford, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix, Oneida, Marquette, Waushara, and Green Lake. It is also probable that histories will be written by local historians in the counties of Kenosha, Green, Racine, Lafayette, Trempealeau, and Ozaukee. The historians, acting or prospective, are:

Brown—Chicago publishers.

Door—H. R. Holand, Ephraim.

Columbia—J. E. Jones, former editor, Portage.

Marquette—C. H. Barry, editor, Montello.

Waushara and Green Lake—R. S. Starks, editor, Berlin.

Crawford—Lyman Howe, editor, Prairie du Chien.

Polk—Editor, *Luck Enterprise*.

Rusk—D. W. Maloney, editor, Ladysmith.

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Burnett—E. Huth, editor, Grantsburg.  
Iowa—Granville Trace, editor, Dodgeville.  
St. Croix—F. A. R. Van Meter, editor, New Richmond.  
Dunn—M. C. Douglass, editor, Menomonie.  
Kenosha—Miss Cathie McNamara, Kenosha.  
Racine—E. W. Leach, Racine.  
Green—C. H. Dietz, teacher, Monroe.  
Lafayette—P. H. Conley, Darlington.  
Trempealeau—Judge H. A. Anderson, Whitehall.  
Ozaukee—Rev. T. A. Boerner, Port Washington.  
Oneida—

Your retiring director visited fifty of the seventy-one counties and met the chairmen of a number of others. The counties not visited were chiefly those in the far northern part of the state or such as seemed so well organized as to need less attention.

Several hundred pictures have been received from a number of counties, including Washington, Sauk, Dane, Trempealeau, Milwaukee, Jefferson, Dunn, Eau Claire, and Green; more are promised from other counties. These should be filed. Final reports from several state activities have been received, including council of defense, fuel administration, county agents, physicians, naval enlistments for the state, etc.

In a number of counties the War Mothers have been enlisted to collect the military biographies, letters, and pictures; they are now at work in Dane, Milwaukee, Winnebago, Langlade, Jefferson, Polk, and perhaps other counties.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. BARTON,  
*Director, Wisconsin War History Committee and  
Chairman, Dane County War History Committee.*

## VII LEGISLATIVE SURVEY OF THE SOCIETY

In the spring of 1919 the state legislature, acting in response to a request of representatives of the Society, appointed a joint committee to inquire into the administration of the Society with a view to determining authoritatively certain questions which had been raised concerning it. The report of the committee presented herewith, adopted by the legislature at the conclusion of the investigation, constitutes a significant testimonial to the character and importance of the Society's work:

The special joint committee of the legislature appointed under joint resolution No. 48, S. to make an investigation of the management and affairs of the State Historical Society and report to the legislature submit the following report:



## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The committee had exhaustive hearings on the affairs of the State Historical Society, especially as relating to complaints made by Honorable P. V. Lawson, and while admitting Mr. Lawson's deep devotion to the Society and as having only its best interests at heart, in the judgment of the committee a misguided zeal led him to make complaints that the committee finds were entirely unwarranted and unjustified.

In the opinion of the committee the Society should have broad discretionary powers in the matter of publications that it issues; and while these publications should relate primarily, of course, to the history of our own state, the committee recognizes the fact that this history cannot be made separate and distinct from other history, especially the history of the great West, of which Wisconsin was originally an integral part; and to limit historical publications to events that transpired within the present state boundaries appears illogical and undesirable. This matter should, the committee believes, be left entirely to the discretion and good judgment of the Society. The committee finds that the Society has issued no publications that were not entirely warranted.

In regard to loaning books from the library the committee believes that the Society, quite contrary to the complaint made that it has not been responsive enough in complying with requests for the loan of books and other material from the library, has if anything pursued a policy the committee would characterize as too liberal. The State Historical Library from its very nature is not, was not intended to be, and cannot be construed to be a circulating library. Many of its books are rare volumes that could not be replaced at all or only at great expense and it would seem preposterous to allow these to be sent broadcast over the state. The committee is of the firm opinion that the State Historical Library was intended to be a reference library and all acts of the legislature and the wording of the charter, constitution, and by-laws of the Society seem to bear out that assertion. The rooms of the Society are open at all times to the public to secure any desired information and the committee finds that it is not even necessary for persons living outside of the capital city to come to Madison to secure the information they want but that it will be furnished on written application by the Society, the staff of which the committee finds is ready at all times to make the most thorough research of its collections to obtain and supply the information desired. The courtesy and accommodation of the staff in such inquiries for information could not be more commendable. To find books and volumes necessary for research work by parties who come to the reference library missing therefrom because they have been sent out to other points in the state would be in the opinion of the committee an ill-advised state of affairs. The practice of loaning out books has been it seems merely one established by custom. The committee recognizes the fact that there may be books, pamphlets, and other material not of intrinsic value and not of a rare nature that can with propriety be loaned out on request without detriment to the interests of the Society as an accommodation to the public, and the authority to make such loans might wisely be possessed by the Society to be exercised in its discretion and judgment subject to such rules and restrictions as may be adopted by the Society.

In the absence of statutory provisions on this subject the committee introduces and recommends for passage the following bill in order that there may be no more controversy over the loaning of books by the Society.

"A BILL: To create subsection (8) of section 44.02 of the statutes, relating to the State Historical Society.

"The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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"SECTION 1. A new subsection is added to section 44.02 of the statutes to read: (44.02) (8). To loan, in its discretion, for such periods and under such rules and restrictions as it may adopt, to libraries, educational institutions, and other organizations, or to private individuals in good standing, such books, pamphlets, or other materials that if lost or destroyed could easily and without much expense be replaced; but no work on genealogy, newspaper file, or book, map, chart, document, manuscript, pamphlet, or other material whatsoever of a rare nature shall be permitted to be sent out from the library under any circumstances.

"SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication."

The committee also recommends for indefinite postponement bill No. 51, S., referred to this committee from the committee on state affairs.

The committee finds the affairs of the Society financially and in every other respect most excellently managed, with a staff, members of which have been with the Society for a score of years or more, and whose work to them has become more a labor of love for the institution and its success than for the pecuniary remuneration they receive. This is highly gratifying in view of the high standing and reputation the Society, which was founded in 1853, has obtained all over the nation. Housed in one of the finest buildings of the state, with a floor space of three acres, in which are deposited over 200,000 invaluable historical volumes and documents, constituting the third and perhaps second largest historical library in the United States and one of the largest in the world, it has become a repository of reference material that is consulted for important information not only by every class of activity in our own state but often in the nation. The committee does not hesitate to say that every member thereof was not only profoundly impressed but actually amazed to find it such a big, comprehensive, serviceable, and helpful institution in which the state may take intense pride; and the committee hopes that every citizen of the state may find opportunity to visit the library and see from a personal inspection what a wonderful institution Wisconsin possesses in its State Historical Society.

A complete record of the proceedings at the hearings held by the committee is attached herewith to be filed as a part of this report.

SENATOR H. E. ROETHE, (Chairman),  
SENATOR A. J. PULLEN,  
ASSEMBLYMAN S. R. WEBSTER,  
ASSEMBLYMAN M. L. HINEMAN,  
ASSEMBLYMAN HERMAN ROETHEL.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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### STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 1, 1919

#### *Assets*

Cash	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,679.54
Mortgages	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	121,470.00
Real estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	580.54

\$123,730.08

#### *Distributed as follows:*

General and Binding Fund	.	.	.	.	\$42,447.92
Antiquarian Fund	.	.	.	.	27,187.56
Draper Fund	.	.	.	.	15,132.32
Mary M. Adams Art Fund	.	.	.	.	6,490.90
Hollister Pharmaceutical Fund	.	.	.	.	16,431.28
Emily House Bequest	.	.	.	.	630.15
Reuben G. Thwaites Bequest	.	.	.	.	11,788.42
Anna R. Sheldon Memorial Fund	.	.	.	.	1,950.82
John A. Moran Fund	.	.	.	.	410.00
Institutional Membership	.	.	.	.	45.00
Special Book Fund	.	.	.	.	1,215.71

\$123,730.08

Assets July 1, 1918	.	.	.	.	\$119,462.50
Increase	.	.	.	.	4,267.58
					<u>\$123,730.08</u>

#### GENERAL AND BINDING FUND

##### *Treasurer, Dr.*

½ Annual dues	.	.	.	.	\$564.52
½ Life Membership fees	.	.	.	.	389.00
½ Sale of duplicates	.	.	.	.	170.23
Photostatic	.	.	.	.	448.98
Gift	.	.	.	.	36.68
Reproduction	.	.	.	.	20.70
Share of interest	.	.	.	.	1,893.94
Balance from Reuben G. Thwaites Fund	.	.	.	.	462.99

\$3,987.04

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*Treasurer, Cr.*

To Photostatic Fund . . . . .	\$1,012.29
R. R. Kropf . . . . .	3.94
G. Banta Pub. Co., paper and printing . . . . .	1,636.08
Cooper-Hewitt Electric Co. . . . .	69.00
Commercial Camera Co. . . . .	216.90
Mississippi Valley Historical Association . . . . .	205.00
Central Wisconsin Trust Co., deposit box . . . . .	16.50
Express charges on bonds . . . . .	6.70
B. F. Stevens, books . . . . .	6.57
J. M. Dieruf, stenographic work . . . . .	15.00
University of Wisconsin, photo supplies . . . . .	85.78
Grace D. Meyers, copies . . . . .	4.25
R. C. Nicodemus, surety bonds . . . . .	37.50
Dane Co. Title Co., abstract . . . . .	36.50
Photoart House, supplies . . . . .	20.70
L. S. Hanks, salary . . . . .	500.00
M. M. Quaife, miscellaneous . . . . .	10.00
J. Franklin Janeson, trustee . . . . .	50.00
Democrat Printing Co. . . . .	14.00
Superintendent of Public Documents . . . . .	20.00
John J. Watson, St. Paul taxes . . . . .	7.05
T. C. Blegen . . . . .	5.28
A. H. Sanford . . . . .	8.00

\$3,987.04

## GENERAL AND BINDING FUND

*Treasurer, Dr.*

1918	
July 1 Balance . . . . .	\$42,447.92
1919	
July 1 New balance . . . . .	\$42,447.92

## ANTIQUARIAN FUND

*Treasurer, Dr.*

1/2 Annual dues . . . . .	\$564.53
1/2 Life Membership dues . . . . .	389.00
1/2 Sale of duplicates . . . . .	170.30
Share of interest . . . . .	1,116.72
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Transferred to Antiquarian Fund . . . . .	\$2,240.55

*Treasurer, Cr.*

J. G. D. Mack, museum specimens . . . . .	\$8.00
Lenore Middleton, museum specimens . . . . .	2.50
Mattie French, museum specimens . . . . .	18.00
Mrs. K. F. Reed, museum specimens . . . . .	2.00
A. J. Ide, museum specimens . . . . .	1.50
Paul Joers, museum specimens . . . . .	3.00
Davis Brothers, museum specimens . . . . .	9.25
H. E. Broughton, museum specimens . . . . .	6.51
Dean W. Thompson, museum specimens . . . . .	3.00
Balance to Antiquarian Fund . . . . .	2,186.79

\$2,240.55

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### *Treasurer, Dr.*

1918			
July 1	Balance	.	\$25,000.77
	Transferred from income		2,186.79
1919			
July 1	New balance	.	\$27,187.56

### DRAPER FUND

### *Treasurer, Cr.*

1918			
July 1	Balance	.	\$14,474.19
	Sale of duplicates	.	10.47
	Share of interest	.	647.66
1919			
July 1	New balance	.	\$15,132.32

### MARY M. ADAMS FUND

### *Treasurer, Dr.*

1918			
July 1	Balance	.	\$6,213.96
	Share of interest	.	276.94
1919			
July 1	New balance	.	\$6,490.90

### HOLLISTER PHARMACEUTICAL FUND

### *Treasurer, Dr.*

1918			
July 1	Balance	.	\$15,766.33
	Share of interest	.	705.75
			\$16,472.08

### *Treasurer, Cr.*

1919			
June 10	Edward Kremers	.	\$40.80
July 1	New balance	.	16,431.28
			\$16,472.08

### REUBEN G. THWAITES FUND

### *Treasurer, Dr.*

1918			
July 1	Balance	.	\$11,728.80
	Share of interest	.	522.61
			\$12,251.41

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*Treasurer, Cr.*

1919

		Transferred to General and Binding Fund				\$462.99
July 1	Balance	.	.	.	.	11,788.42

\$12,251.41

## ANNA R. SHELDON MEMORIAL FUND

*Treasurer, Dr.*

1918

July 1	Balance	.	.	.	.	\$2,011.48
	Share of interest	.	.	.	.	89.34

\$2,100.82

*Treasurer, Cr.*

Mrs. C. B. Chapman—Rembrant etching

1919

July 1	New balance	.	.	.	.	1,950.82
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\$2,100.82

## EMILY HOUSE FUND

*Treasurer, Dr.*

1918

July 1	Balance	.	.	.	.	\$603.34
	Share of interest	.	.	.	.	26.81

1919

July 1	New balance	.	.	.	.	\$630.15
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## PHOTOSTAT ACCOUNT

*Treasurer, Cr.*

1918

July 1	Balance	.	.	.	.	\$1,012.29
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\$1,012.29

*Treasurer, Dr.*

1918

July 1	From General and Binding Fund Income	.	.	.	.	\$1,012.29
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\$1,012.29

## JOHN A. MORAN FUND

*Treasurer, Dr.*

1918	Cash	.	.	.	.	\$300.00
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1919

	Cash	.	.	.	.	110.00
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July 1	Balance	.	.	.	.	\$410.00
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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

*Treasurer, Dr.*

1919	Membership dues	.	.	.	\$45.00	
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July 1	Balance	.	.	.	.	\$45.00

## SPECIAL BOOK FUND

*Treasurer, Dr.*

1918						
July 1	Balance	.	.	.	\$1,215.71	
1919						
July 1	New balance	.	.	.		\$1,215.71

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The effect of war-time conditions upon the work of the local historical societies, to which attention was called in the report of a year ago, still continues noticeable. The Superior Historical Society has at length definitely disbanded. From the Walworth and the Sauk County societies no report has been received, although the latter is known to be functioning with its accustomed vigor. Secretary Plumb of the Manitowoc County Society reports no organized activities during the year. From Trempealeau County and Ripon come somewhat similar reports. These latter are presented herewith for the light they shed on the problems of local historical societies. On the other hand many of the County War History committees organized through the agency of the State Historical Society last year still continue to function. Steps were taken at the annual West Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Eau Claire, looking to the organization of a Methodist historical society for the conference and to its affiliation with the State Historical Society. The Beloit Historical Society appears to be functioning vigorously; and the columns of the press of the state testify to the development throughout the state of a widespread popular interest in our historical background. It seems fair to raise the question whether some modification of the type of local historical society now existing throughout the state would not result in increased achievement along the lines for which these associations are organized.

### BELOIT

The Beloit Historical Society finds that more room is required for the care of its deposits and will ask the Common



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Council and the Library Board to assist in furnishing needed accommodations.

During the past year the Society has made several public exhibitions of historical relics and has added considerably to its holdings. A work of larger scope is planned for the ensuing year, and the State Historical Society will be asked to aid in the promotion of its plans. The Society occupies pleasant rooms in the Beloit Public Library, which are now outgrown.

A. F. AYER, *President*.

### GREEN BAY

While the unsettled conditions existing during the past year or more have interfered much with the work of the Green Bay Historical Society, the individual members have done considerable exploring. In June, 1919 the President took in his car Mr. Alanson Skinner of the Museum of the American Indian, New York; Dr. S. A. Barrett of the Milwaukee Museum; John V. Satterlee of Keshena; and J. P. Schumacher to the ancient village site of Oussouanigoung (Suamico) described by Father Louis Andre in 1673, as containing sixteen cabins. The following day Mr. Schumacher took the same party to the village sites on the Oconto and Little Rivers. In both places they found a number of arrow and spear points, scrapers, and shards, and also several fine specimens of copper implements. Mr. Skinner spent some time here looking up the crafts of the Menominee Indians.

The Society has interested itself deeply in the development of the Green Bay Public Museum; numbers of articles of great historic value have been received partly through its influence, notably a large birch-bark canoe. The Museum board is doing very excellent work in collecting valuable articles for exhibition and in interesting the public in the museum; it has now received recognition from the City Council and has recently

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received an appropriation of \$1,270 to aid in carrying on its work for the coming year.

A meeting of the Society was held in the early part of November, at which time several applications for membership were received, dues paid, and the treasurer reported a very comfortable balance in the bank. It was suggested that the name of the Society be changed to the Brown County Historical Society; M. J. Maes of DePere stated that many residents outside the city had expressed the desire to become members if the name were changed. A committee of three was appointed to report on the matter at the next meeting. Money was appropriated to the committee having charge of the old Porlier-Tank cottage for the Society for repairs reported necessary by Mrs. Francis T. Blesch, chairman.

Miss Deborah Martin then gave an informal talk on an historical motor trip which she and her sister, Miss Sarah Martin, took with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Neville in August last. Miss Martin spoke of the beautiful tablet, erected by the D. A. R. at Menominee, marking the commencement of the Bay de Noquette trail and the site of the great Indian village, the original home of the Menominee. From there the party followed the trail along the bay shore as far as Cedar River. The origin of the name Escanaba was derived from "Esquagonaba" a noted Chippewa chief, or "Miskonaba," meaning "red man." Miss Martin then traced the road from Escanaba to Manistique and Sault Ste. Marie, describing the fine shaft which marks the great historical event of 1671, when St. Lusson took possession for France of the entire Northwest. An account of St. Ignace and Mackinac Island followed, the many interesting and important events of the past three centuries which took place at the several places being noted.

Arthur C. Neville then took up the narrative commencing with Michilimackinac. He spoke of the mispronunciation of the name Mackinac Island, which is spelled "Mackinac," but correctly pronounced "Mackinaw." There is much misunderstanding about the location of old Fort Mackinac. In early

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days the whole region of the straits was referred to as Michilimackinac, just as the region around Green Bay was called La Baye. Mackinac Island was known to the French as "Isle Grosse." The fort and mission were first established at St. Ignace in 1673, after a short stay on Mackinac Island. About 1712 they were removed to the south side of the straits, half a mile west of the present Mackinac City; it was here in 1763 that the massacre under Pontiac's Conspiracy occurred. The speaker gave a short account of the Mackinac massacre and then passed on to the famous Indian village of L'Arbre Croche, now Cross City, still inhabited almost entirely by Indians. He spoke of the place where Father Marquette died at Ludington and of the post and fort at St. Joseph. In conclusion the speaker told of the desolate country east of Escanaba, the surprising number of abandoned farms, and the horrible roads east of Rapid River.

ARTHUR C. NEVILLE, *President.*

### LA FAYETTE COUNTY

We are able to report a steady growth in all departments. A good portion of our increase has been war matter. The following objects are among the year's acquisitions:

A captured German map, showing the proposed German Empire after they had won the war. It has ports on the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans, the Mediterranean, Adriatic, Baltic, and North Seas, covers the English Channel, includes the city of Paris, and occupies all central Europe. The last communique of the war, received at eleven o'clock, November 11, 1918 at the French wireless station, Chateau Belval, near Fosse, department of the Ardennes. Both of these documents were received by mail from General F. C. Marshall of this city.

Shell and shrapnel fragments with explanations as to the effect of each.

Complete German and American gas mask outfits.

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Shell cases from Verdun, Cambrai, and Chateau Thierry.

American, German, French, and Belgian helmets.

Copies of soldiers' newspapers, such as the *Stars and Stripes*, *The 54th Liaison*, etc.

Portrait of General Pershing, flags of allies, and additional soldier groups.

Specimen of composition used in building cement ships, with explanation.

Photograph, 16 by 18, taken February 24, 1888, at Lancaster, during the trial of the H. S. Magoon Monument case. It includes Gov. Nelson Dewey, Judges M. M. Cothran, J. T. Mills, Geo. Clementson, P. A. Orton, C. F. Osborn; Attorneys T. J. Brooks, John G. Clark, H. S. Magoon, A. R. Bushnell, T. L. Cleary, W. B. Carter, John D. Wilson, J. W. Murphy, D. J. Gardner, and others.

We have also acquired during the year the reports and publications of our State Historical Society; of the National Society and Museum; pictures of early settlers; pamphlets, newspapers, war publications, etc. We are making a book on the war activities of the county, including soldier letters, and hope to complete it this year.

Philo A. Orton, a charter member of our Society, died at his home in Darlington, June 17, 1919.

P. H. CONLEY, *President*.

## OLD SETTLERS CLUB OF MILWAUKEE

In response to our request for a report of the year's activities Secretary George W. Young writes as follows:

I am somewhat at a loss to know just what kind of report you desire. I'll endeavor to submit such information and such papers as I think will meet with your wishes. In the first place, our membership to date is 650. I enclose herewith also a copy of our program celebrating our semicentenary of the organization which was held in the Soldiers Home grounds on

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July 17, this year; also an historical address delivered on that occasion by ex-President W. W. Wight; also a copy of financial statement presented to the club at its annual meeting February 22, 1919.

I also enclose a memorial on the late Frederick Layton, which is a very accurate account of his life and his activities, which I presume you will appreciate very much. By the way, we have some very interesting memorials written on prominent citizens, members of the club, which give very minute and reliable information concerning the character and achievements of prominent men connected with the club, and I am anxious to know whether you desire me to send you copies at different times of the memorials that may be written in the future. These memorials are given a good deal of attention by our Society; they are written by intimate friends of the deceased, thus giving an accurate and complete account of their lives and activities and containing interesting historical matter pertaining to the early history not only of the city, but of the state.

There are two memorials now being prepared: on Patrick Cudahy, one of our prominent packers here, and on Horace A. J. Upham, a prominent lawyer. If you would like a copy of these memorials, I would be pleased to furnish them. Within the last two years I was on a committee that prepared a volume on early Milwaukee. I am not positive whether a copy of that volume has been sent you or not. If you want such copy, please advise, and I will mail it to you.

### RIPON

The Ripon Historical Society has no great record of achievement to report for the past year. Its collections are added to from time to time at the Ripon Public Library; during the past few months the local Council of Defense has sent in accessions of miscellaneous material relating to the war activities of that organization. Various flags have been deposited

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by returning soldiers and organizations. Through the stimulus of this Society a special celebration was held May 27 last, in honor of the first white settlement within the present limits of the city of Ripon in 1844, when the pioneer band sent out by the Wisconsin Phalanx took up their abode in the peaceful valley of Ceresco; the entire community took part in the celebration. An address was delivered by the secretary of the Society in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of that early occasion, and other appropriate exercises were had in the park laid out by the Phalanx in Ceresco; not less than two thousand people were in attendance.

S. M. PEDRICK, *Secretary.*

## TREMPEALEAU COUNTY

Your request for a report of the work of our county Historical Society during the past year is at hand. As you probably understand, the secretary of a society of this kind is usually expected to be the active member, and if he doesn't stir things up, it rarely happens that any other member of the society will take any active interest.

During the past year I have been occupied, besides my routine work in the office, with gathering as much information as I could concerning the soldiers of the late war. Incidentally, I have gathered some relics for our Society, which have not been catalogued as yet. In January next, my office as county judge expires, and for a time after the expiration of my official duties I shall give special attention to the work of the Historical Society and the work of gathering more complete data as to the soldiers of the late war.

Our annual meeting last year was held November 12; nothing was done except to elect officers for the coming year. Our annual meeting this year will be held November 11, at which time we expect to hold memorial services for soldiers, sailors, and marines who died in service during the late war; also at

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the same time we expect to present medals to all the soldiers from this county who were in the late war and honor cards to the relatives of deceased soldiers.

H. A. ANDERSON, *Secretary*.

### WAUKESHA COUNTY

Two meetings were held during the year, the thirteenth annual at Waukesha on May 3, 1919, and the twenty-sixth meeting at North Lake, September 4, 1919. At the annual meeting all officers were reëlected.

Mr. Lacher, the custodian, reported one hundred thirty-six donations during the year from thirty-two donors. He said the collection had become so large that more room was required and that it should be catalogued and classified. This would require more time than he could give over and above what he was already giving freely. Mr. Lacher also reported that Mr. J. H. Johnson of Waukesha had repaired damages done to the tablet on Lapham Peak and had made no charge for so doing. The secretary was directed to send a vote of thanks to Mr. Johnson.

Four members were elected.

Mr. Dan Camp's paper, "The Old Fashioned Doctor," was read by Mrs. H. B. Edwards. Mrs. Ione Gove Hawley sang "The Star Spangled Banner," "The Americans Come," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Mr. G. G. Lapham's paper, "Early Education in Waukesha County," was read by Mr. Lacher and brought some incidents of his early school days to the mind of Mr. John L. Gasper who told some of them. Mr. Charles D. Simonds told of historical work being done in the Town of Merton and exhibited portraits of some of the old settlers.

All joined in singing several community songs and "Auld Lang Syne."

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At the twenty-sixth meeting, held at North Lake, September 4, Mr. Lacher told of placing new signs on Lapham Peak—warning people that it was state property and anyone defacing the tablet, injuring the trees, or doing any other damage would be prosecuted. People were also warned to put out fires before leaving the grounds.

Two papers were read, “The Story of the Town of Genesee,” by Miss Ida Sherman, and “A History of the Music of Waukesha County,” by Mrs. Ione Gove Hawley.

By unanimous vote the president was authorized to call a meeting of the Advisory Board in December or January at Waukesha.

All enjoyed Mrs. Erickson’s vocal solo, “Shadows,” and the encore, “When Song is Sweet.”

Eleven members were elected and the name of Mrs. Loyd G. Harris of St. Louis was at her request transferred from the honorary to the list of active members. The Society now has 140 members.

Mr. Lacher, the custodian, reported that many valuable donations had been received since the annual meeting in May.

JULIA A. LAPHAM, *Secretary*.







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